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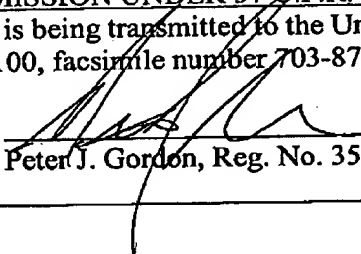
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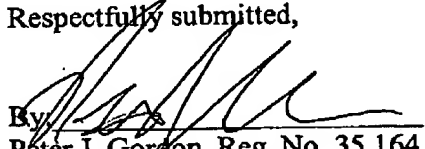
TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified patent application is a Reply to the Office Action mailed October 28, 2003.

A three-month extension of time is requested in the Reply. Accordingly, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0876 for the fee of \$950.00 for the extension and any fees which may be required or to credit any overpayment.

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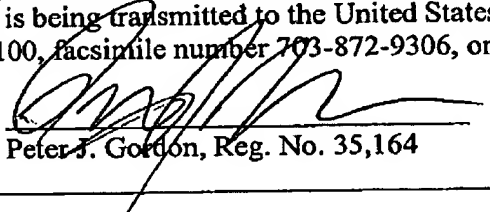
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REPLY

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of October 28, 2003, the Applicant submits this Reply.

Applicant hereby petitions for a **three-month extension of time** to submit this Reply. Please charge the extension fee of **\$950.00** to **Deposit Account No. 50-0876**.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 5.

Remarks begin on page 10, of which the **Conclusion** is on page 12.